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GREAT SCOTT! IT'S
ZIGI AND ZAGI, THOSE
BRATS FROM OUTER SPACE!
THEY'RE CAUSING ME MORE
TROUBLE THAN
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SUPERMAN

SUPERMAN, GET ZIGI AND ZAGI AWAY FROM HERE! THEY'RE DISRUPTING OUR SCHOOL!

!GROAN! THOSE LITTLE TROUBLE-MAKERS CREATE MORE MISCHIEF THAN MR. MXYZPTLK. HOW DO I GET THEM TO LEAVE EARTH AND GO BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM?

DON'T WORRY, SUPERMAN. EVERYONE'S PERFECTLY SAFE. WE'RE USING OUR ANTI-GRAVITY DRIVES TO GIVE THESE KIDS A RIDE!

THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD HAS ALWAYS IDOLIZED SUPERMAN. AND THE MAN OF STEEL LOVES KIDS, EVERYWHERE... THEN ONE DAY TWO MISCHIEVOUS IMPS ARRIVE ON EARTH AND TURN METROPOLIS INTO A MADHOUSE WITH THEIR PRANKS, AND EVEN THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN IS READY TO BLOW HIS STACK WHEN HE TANGLES WITH—

The JUVENILE DELINQUENTS from SPACE!

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ONE ORDINARY DAY IN JOE'S RESTAURANT, ON THE MAIN STREET OF METROPOLIS...



GALLOPING GALAXIES, ZIGI. I'M SO STARVED I COULD EAT THE SOLID FUEL FROM A ROCKET ENGINE!

WE'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE, ZAGI. SNIFF! WHAT A TANTALIZING AROMA!



HOT DOGS? IT SOUNDS FASCINATING! WE'LL EACH HAVE TWO! BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE THEY?

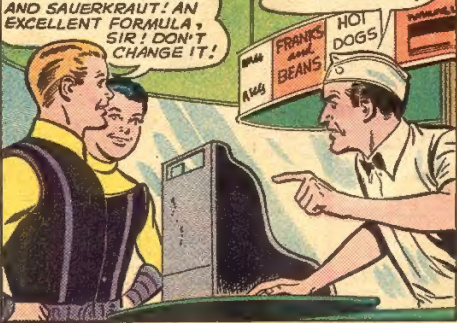
WHO DO YOU SMART ALECKS THINK YOU'RE KIDDING? I'VE GOT NO TIME TO FOOL WITH SQUARES GALAVANTING AROUND IN SILLY SPACE SUITS!



PRESENTLY...

HOT DOGS... MUSTARD AND SAUERKRAUT: AN EXCELLENT FORMULA, SIR! DON'T CHANGE IT!

WISE GUYS! YOU OWE ME \$1.22 FOR THE WEENIES!



ONE DOLLAR? THAT MUST BE SOME KIND OF TAX ON THOSE EXTRAORDINARY DELICACIES! I'M SORRY, BUT SINCE WE ARRIVED A SHORT TIME AGO, WE HAVEN'T YET ACQUIRED ANY OF THE LOCAL CURRENCY!

NOW I'VE HEARD EVERYTHING! IN PLAIN ENGLISH, YOU'RE NOT PAYING THE CHECK, EH?



WELL, IT JUST SO HAPPENS MY DISHWASHER MACHINE BROKE DOWN! YOU TWO WASH THOSE DISHES AND WE'LL CALL IT SQUARE! GET TO WORK!



AS JOE LEAVES...

"WORK?" THAT'S ANOTHER UNFAMILIAR TERM, ZIGI!

I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF IT, ZAGI! WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS LATER!



INSTANTS AFTERWARD...

GET BACK IN THERE! YOU KIDS COULDN'T HAVE WASHED EVEN ONE DISH! YOU WEREN'T IN THAT KITCHEN TEN SECONDS!

PRECISELY 8 OF YOUR EARTH SECONDS, SIR! WE'D HAVE FINISHED BEFORE, BUT ZAGI'S IONIC CLEANSER-RAY HAD TO BE ADJUSTED!



IONIC CLEANSER-RAY? YOU TWO PIPSQUEAKS THINK I WAS BORN YESTERDAY...?

ULP! THE KITCHEN! IT'S ALL CLEANED UP! THE DISHES ARE SPOTLESS!



GALLOPING GRAVS, ZIGI! YOU'D THINK THE CUSTODIAN OF THAT FOOD-DISPENSARY NEVER SAW AN IONIC CLEANSER-RAY!

HE CERTAINLY ACTED MIGHTY CONFUSED!



MEANWHILE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE METROPOLIS DAILY PLANET...

CLARK, I SEE THAT SUPERMAN IS GOING TO ENTERTAIN AT THE CONVENTION OF THE ROCKET BOYS OF AMERICA! ONE OF US OUGHT TO COVER THAT STORY!

YOU TAKE IT, LOIS! I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO ATTEND TO TODAY!

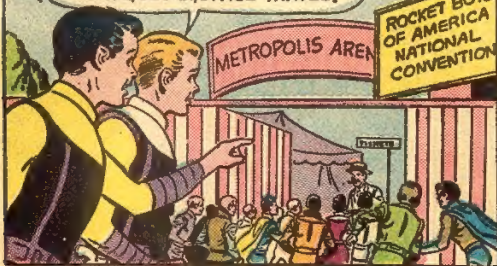
INCLUDING AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE ROCKET BOYS... AS SUPERMAN!



AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE FAR SIDE OF TOWN...

LOOK, ZIGI! THEIR KIDS WEAR SPACE-SUITS, LIKE US!

LET'S FOLLOW THE CROWD! WE MIGHT PICK UP SOME NEW TECHNIQUES IN SPACE TRAVEL!



BUT AT THE GATE...

YOU MEAN WE NEED SOMETHING CALLED A "TICKET" TO GET IN, SIR?

YEP! UNLESS YOU WANTED TO REV UP YOUR ANTI-GRAVITY MOTORS AND FLY IN! HA, HA!



IN THE NEXT FANTASTIC INSTANT...

VERY CONSIDERATE OF THAT GENTLEMAN TO SUGGEST THIS ALTERNATIVE, ZIGI!

HE REALIZES WE'RE STRANGERS! THAT ACCOUNTS FOR HIS KIND OFFER TO LET US USE OUR ANTI-GRAVITY DRIVES TO FLY IN!

HUH??

TICKETS

JUST THEN...

ALPHA CENTAURI ?? THAT MUST BE A NEW GROUP, MISS LANE. I NEVER HEARD OF IT BEFORE!

ALPHA CENTAURI

MEANWHILE, LOIS LANE INTERVIEWS THE GRAND COMMANDER OF THE **ROCKET BOYS**...

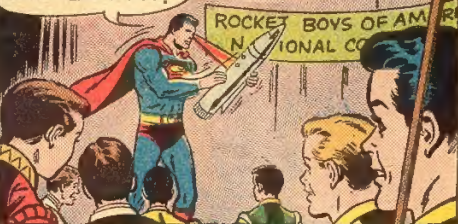
EACH OF OUR CLUBS IS NAMED AFTER A PLANET. EVERY GROUP DEVELOPS A GREAT LOYALTY FOR ITS ADOPTED WORLD AND MAKES A SPECIAL STUDY OF IT!



PRESENTLY, AS **SUPERMAN** PERFORMS FOR THE CONVENTION...

AND NOW, USING MY HEAT VISION AND SUPER-STRENGTH, I'LL MOLD THIS STAINLESS STEEL INTO A MODEL OF A SPACE-SHIP! OF COURSE, THERE'S NO ENGINE, SO IT CAN'T FLY!

WE CAN MAKE IT FLY, **SUPERMAN!**



SO THESE TWO THINK THEY CAN MAKE THIS SOLID STEEL MODEL FLY! THEY COULD BE TRYING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEMSELVES!

TELL ME, BOYS, WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?

HE'S ZIGI, AND I'M ZAGI, GLAD TO MEET YOU, **SUPERMAN!**

MOON

WE'RE FROM ONE OF THE PLANETS IN THE **ALPHA CENTAURI SYSTEM!** WE TRAVELED 23 TRILLION, 342 BILLION, 816 MILLION MILES TO GET HERE!

HM! THESE KIDS ARE CHAMPS AT FIBBING! THEY FIB IN DETAIL, WITH ACCURATE FIGURES TO BACK THEM UP! I'VE GOT TO EXPOSE THEM FOR THEIR OWN GOOD!

ALPHA CENTAURI

VENUS

MARS

SO YOU SAY YOU CAN MAKE THIS SOLID STEEL ROCKET FLY, EH? SUPPOSE YOU SHOW ME?

HERE, ZIGI, I HAVE AN EXTRA POWER PELLET IN MY SPACE BELT! WEDGE IT INTO THE TAIL ASSEMBLY!



I MUST RECOVER THAT MODEL AND SEE HOW THOSE TWO YOUNGSTERS MADE IT FLY. THEY'RE SMARTER AND TRICKIER THAN I FIGURED!



AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...

THE 10 SECONDS ARE UP, ZIGI! WE'RE BECOMING VISIBLE! I HOPE SUPERMAN ISN'T MAD AT US FOR LOGGING HIS ROCKET!

GLEEPERS! HE HAS MORE SUPER-POWERS THAN WE HAVE IN OUR SPACE BELTS, WE'D BETTER KEEP MOVING, OR HE'LL CATCH US, HEAD FOR THAT TOWN UP AHEAD!



THEN FANTASTICALLY...

GLEEPERS, ZAGI! YOUR PELLET WAS TOO POWERFUL! THAT MODEL IS HEADED FOR OUTER SPACE!

INCREDIBLE! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!



SOON, AS SUPERMAN RETURNS WITH THE RUNAWAY MODEL...

BOYS... I DON'T SEE ZIGI OR ZAGI ANYWHERE. WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

SUPERMAN, IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE! THEY WERE STANDING RIGHT HERE... THEN ONE OF THEM TOUCHED A BUTTON ON HIS SPACE BELT AND THEY VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!

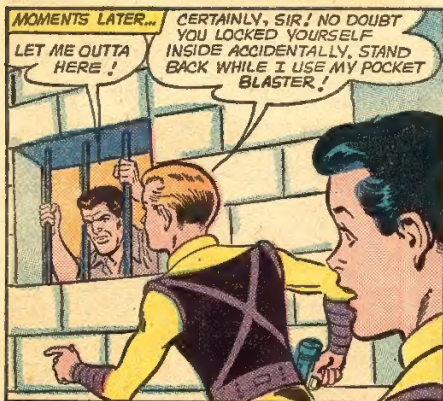


MEANWHILE, IN A SMALL CITY DOWN THE ROAD...

YOU HICK COPPERS CAN'T KEEP DUKE BRAGGER IN THIS CELL! YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME! LET ME OUT!

WE'RE HOLDING HIM ON SUSPICION OF MURDER. LUCKY THAT'S AN ESCAPE-PROOF CELL!

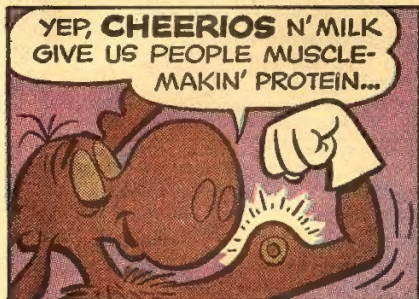




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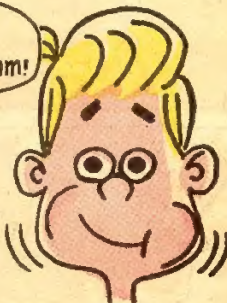
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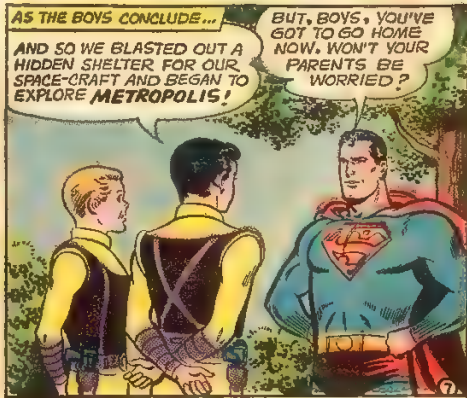
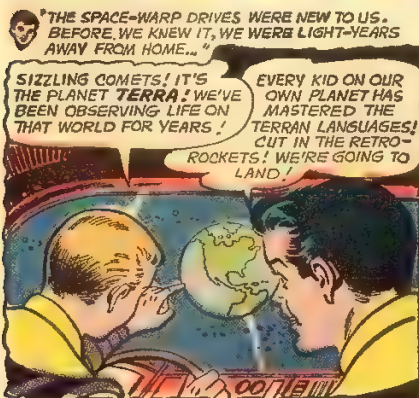
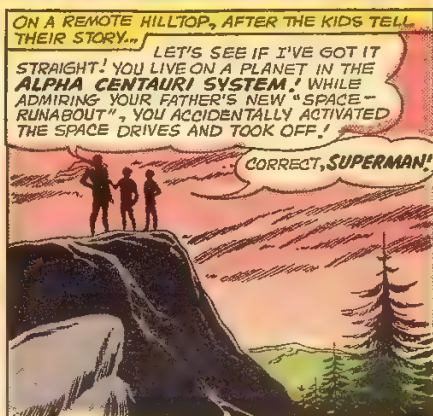
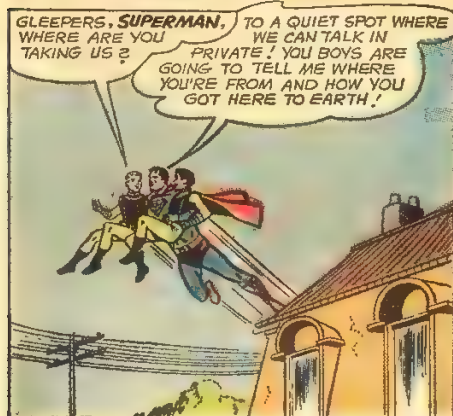
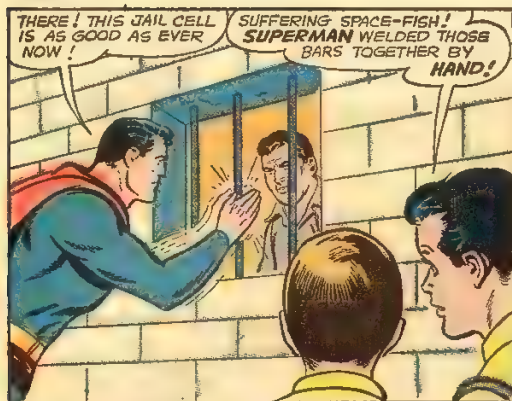
Tootsie Rolls go on and on
after other candy is gone!
Chew, chewy, chewy, chew, mmm!

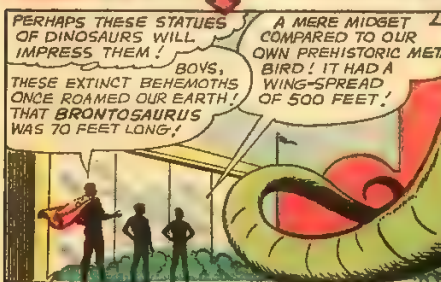
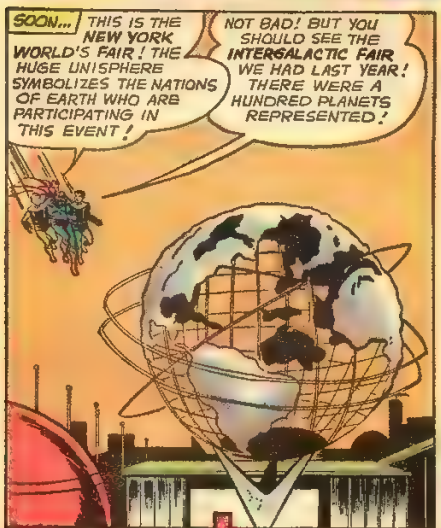
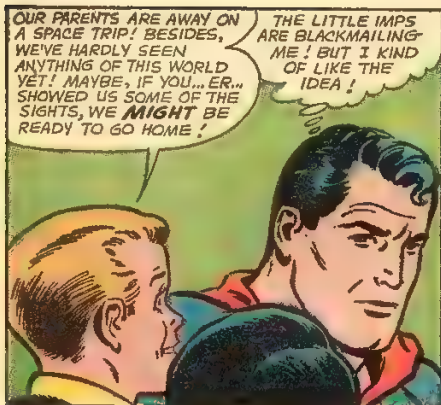


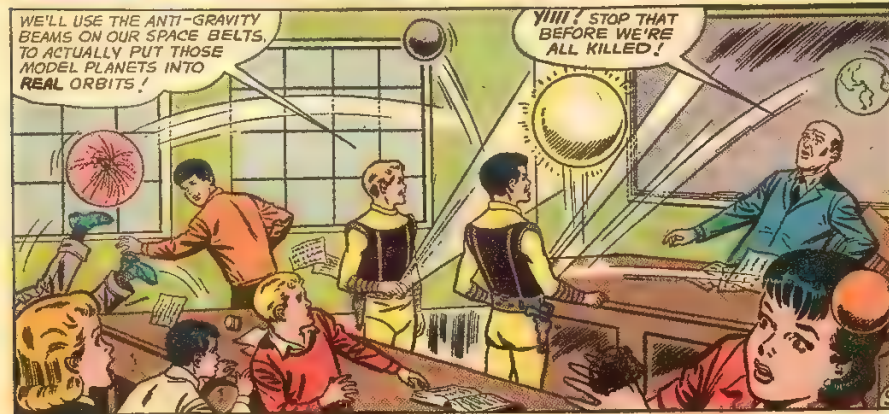
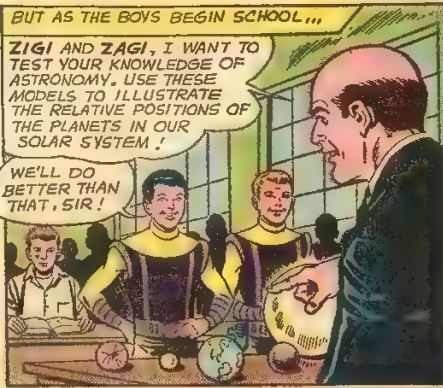
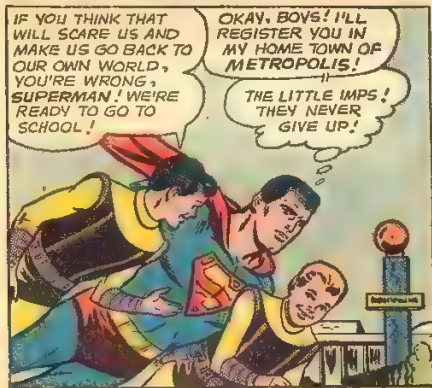
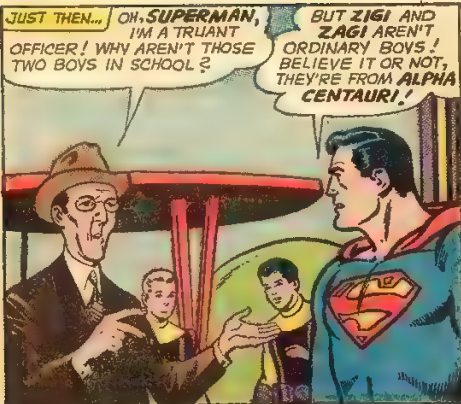
**LONG TIME! LONG TIME! CHEWY CHEWY
TOOTSIE ROLL LASTS A LONG TIME!**



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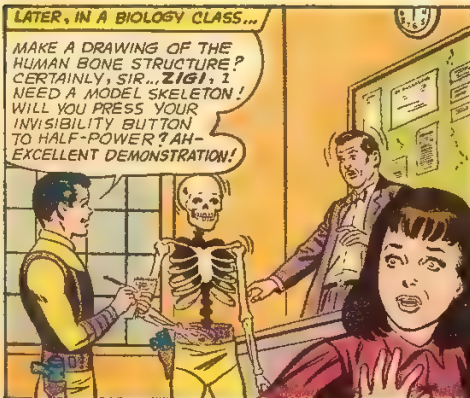


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LATER, IN A BIOLOGY CLASS...

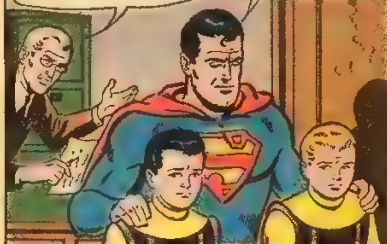
MAKE A DRAWING OF THE HUMAN BONE STRUCTURE? CERTAINLY, SIR... **ZIGI**, I NEED A MODEL SKELETON! WILL YOU PRESS YOUR INVISIBILITY BUTTON TO HALF-POWER? AH- EXCELLENT DEMONSTRATION!



WITH THE SCHOOL IN AN UPROAR, **SUPERMAN** IS HASTILY SUMMONED...

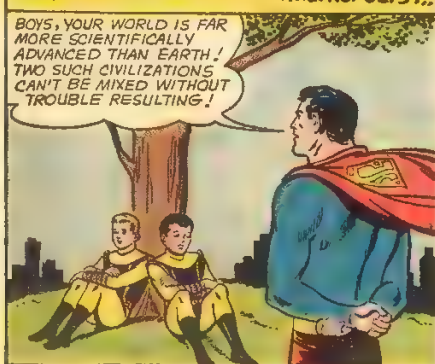
SUPERMAN, THESE ALIEN LADS AND THEIR WEIRD SCIENTIFIC POWERS ARE DISRUPTING OUR CLASSES! YOU MUST TAKE THEM OUT OF SCHOOL!

COME ON, BOYS! WE'D BETTER HAVE ANOTHER PRIVATE TALK!



SOON, IN AN ISOLATED SPOT NEAR **METROPOLIS**...

BOYS, YOUR WORLD IS FAR MORE SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED THAN EARTH! TWO SUCH CIVILIZATIONS CAN'T BE MIXED WITHOUT TROUBLE RESULTING!



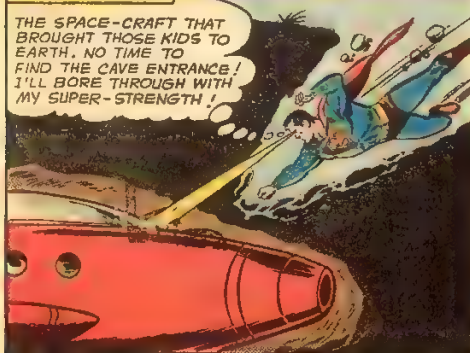
BUT AS **SUPERMAN** FINISHES HIS LECTURE...

HMM! THEY NEVER HEARD A WORD! THEIR DAY'S ADVENTURES TIRED THEM OUT! BUT SINCE THEY'RE ASLEEP, I CAN TRY ANOTHER METHOD OF CONVINCING THEM TO GO HOME!



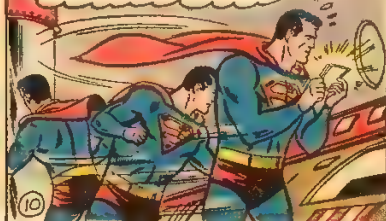
IN A GUPER-SWIFT SEARCH, **SUPERMAN'S** X-RAY VISION LOCATES...

THE SPACE-CRAFT THAT BROUGHT THOSE KIDS TO EARTH. NO TIME TO FIND THE CAVE ENTRANCE! I'LL BORE THROUGH WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH!



WHILE RUMMAGING THROUGH THE SPACE-SHIP AT SUPER-SPEED...

HMM... THESE GLOWING-TRANSPARENT IMAGES ARE PROBABLY ALPHA CENTAURIAN PHOTOGRAPHS! THEY SEEM TO BE PICTURES OF **ZIGI** AND **ZAGI** IN AND AROUND THEIR HOME! THIS IS JUST WHAT I NEED TO CARRY OUT MY PLANS!



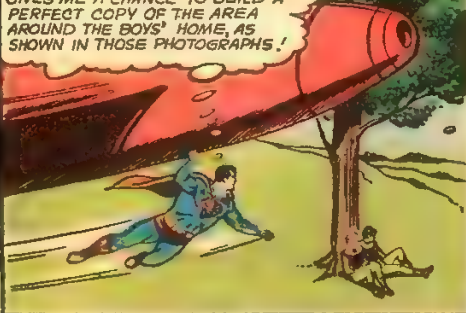


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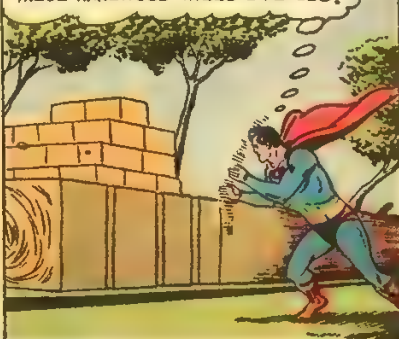


CARRYING THE ROCKET-SHIP, HE STREAKS BACK TO THE BOYS'...

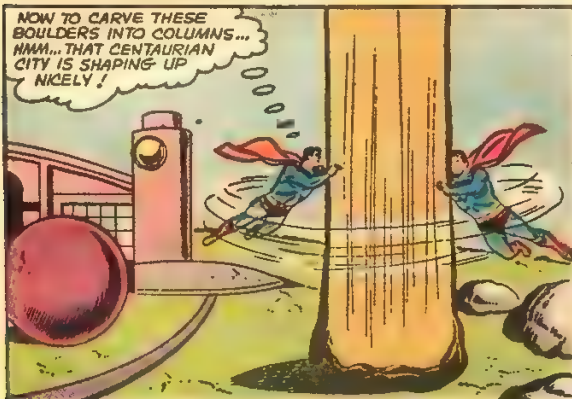
THEY'RE STILL ASLEEP! GOOD! THAT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO BUILD A PERFECT COPY OF THE AREA AROUND THE BOYS' HOME, AS SHOWN IN THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS!



I'LL NEED SOME BUILDING BLOCKS FOR MY CONSTRUCTION... I'LL GET THEM FROM THESE HARDWOOD TREES I FELLED!



NOW TO CARVE THESE BOULDERS INTO COLUMNS... HMM... THAT CENTAURIAN CITY IS SHAPING UP NIKELY!



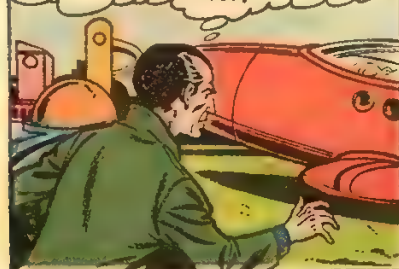
BUT SUPERMAN'S PLANS MAY GO AWRY... FOR AT THAT MOMENT, NEAR METROPOLIS PRISON...

HA, HA! I TOLD THEM NO PRISON CAN HOLD "SLASH" SABRE! WHILE THEY WERE WATCHING THE WALLS, I SLIPPED OUT THROUGH THIS OLD STORM DRAIN! NOW TO BEAT IT BEFORE THEY FIND OUT I'M MISSING!



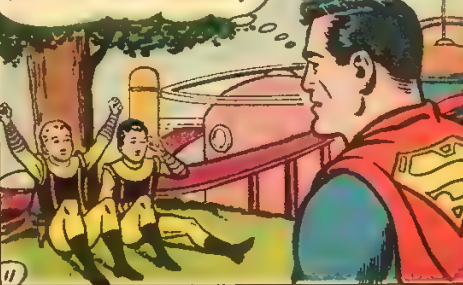
WHILE FLEEING, THE FUGITIVE STUMBLES UPON THE "CITY" JUST CREATED BY SUPERMAN...

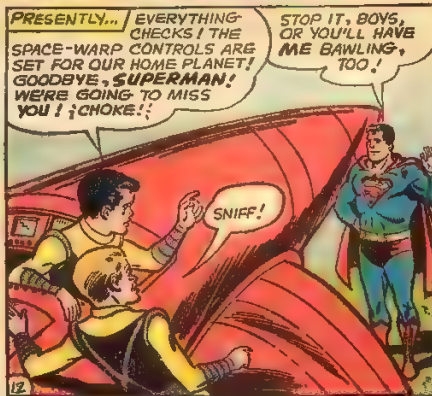
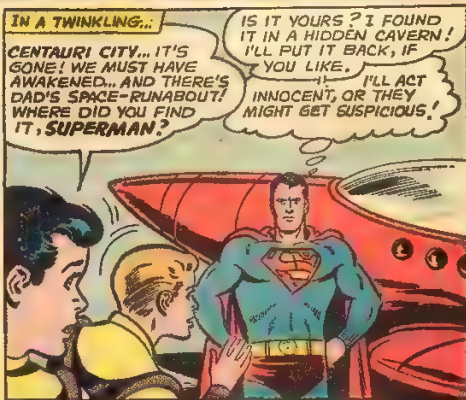
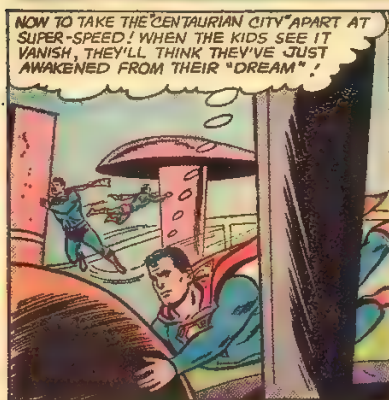
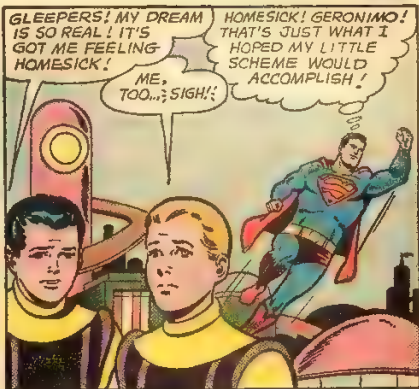
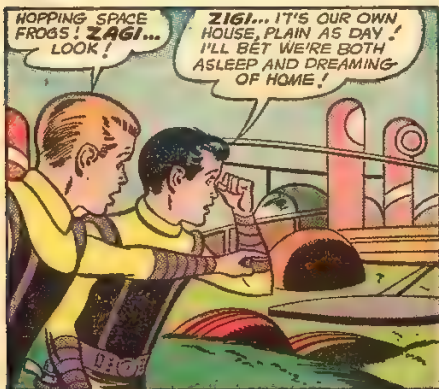
HMM! LOOKS LIKE A MOVIE SET OR SOME KIND OF SPACE-PLAYGROUND FOR KIDS! I'M TIRED OF RUNNING! I'LL DUCK INSIDE THIS PONEY ROCKET AND REST!

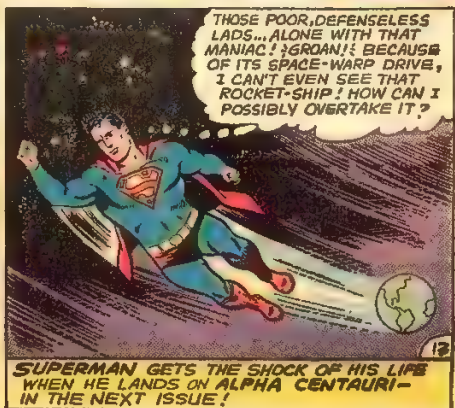
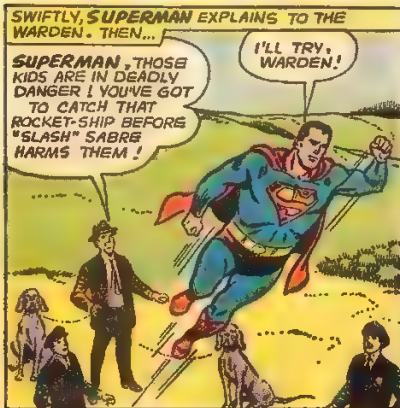
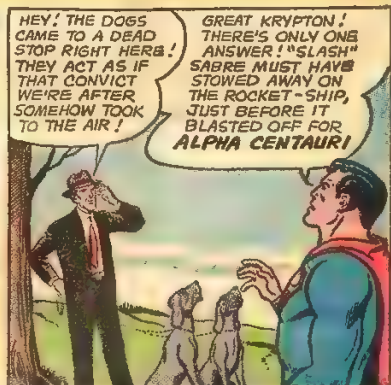
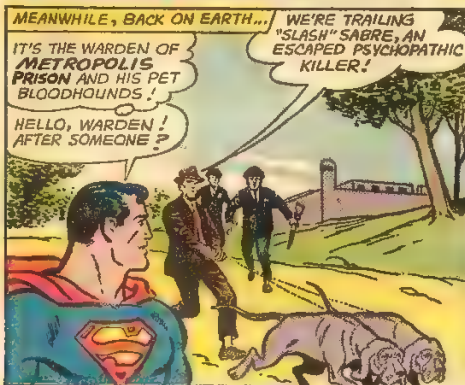
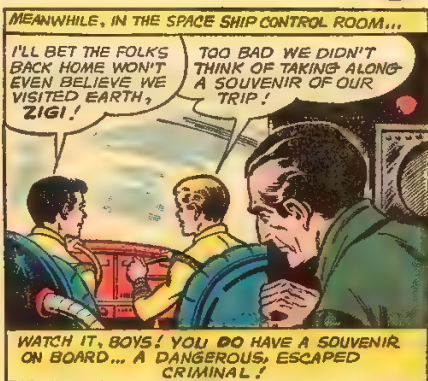


MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE INTRUDER, SUPERMAN HAS COMPLETED HIS TASK...

THAT COPY OF THEIR NATIVE CITY IS FINISHED! THE KIDS ARE STARTING TO WAKE UP! NOW TO WATCH THEIR REACTION!







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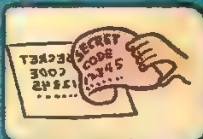
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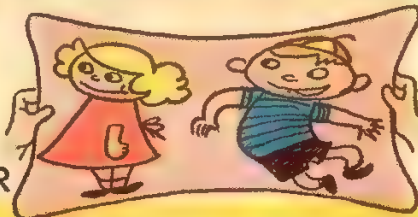
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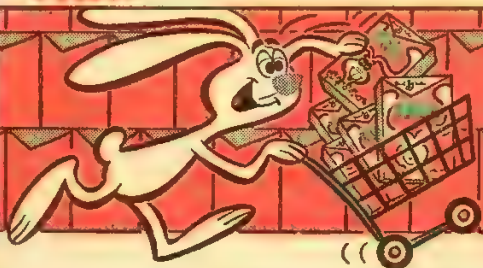
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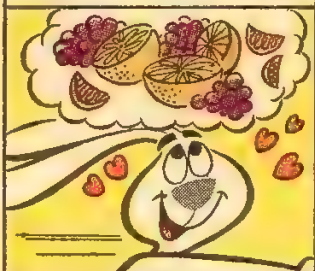
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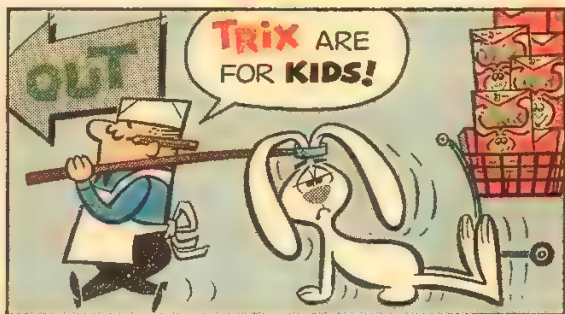
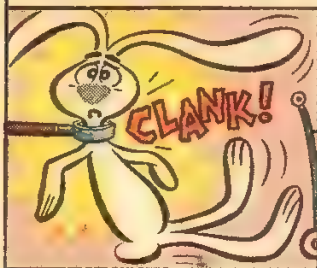
THE TANGY TASTE OF NATURAL FRUIT!



FRUIT COLORS, TOO!



AND AS WE ALL KNOW...



THE ORIGIN OF SUPER-HORSE

Comet, the Super-Horse, was once Biron, a centaur who lived in Greece in the time of the great heroes. One day he saw Circe, the mightiest of sorceresses, vanquish her enemy, the evil Malador, in a contest of magic. The villainous wizard tried to avenge this defeat by poisoning a spring where she drank. But Biron caught him in the act and thwarted him. For saving her life, Circe rewarded Biron by granting him one wish. He asked to be changed from a half-human centaur to a real man. But Malador had switched Circe's potions, and the one Biron drank turned him, instead, into a horse. At that time, Circe had no antidote, so, to make up for her apparent mistake, she gave him super-powers, plus the ability to communicate by telepathy. But Malador was not through with Biron. He banished the super-steed to a planet in the constellation Sagittarius, keeping him imprisoned there by a magic aura.

More than 3,000 years passed as Biron waited helplessly for freedom. Then came the day that a rocket passed the planet, carrying Supergirl to Earth. The rocket's repeller rays shattered the magical aura, so that Super-Horse could escape. He returned to Earth, where he found Supergirl and made telepathic contact with her. She named him Comet, and he began to help her in her super-deeds.

One day the mighty steed flew his mistress on a mission to the planet Zerox, which is inhabited by sorcerers. Supergirl had no powers under its red sun, but Comet retained his magical super-abilities. For helping Prince Endor of Zerox, Super-Horse was given the power to become human whenever he is within sight of a comet. At such times he adopts the secret identity of Bronco Bill, a cowboy. Supergirl, who is unaware of her super-steed's double life, is very fond of the handsome rodeo rider.



METROPOLIS MAILBAG

Dear Editor: "King Superman Vs. Clark Kent, Metallo" was the best follow-up story I've read next to "Lois Lane's Outlaw Son." "The Fantastic Menace of the LL's" was almost as good. However, in the story, Comet says to himself: "There are no LL's in my name." But his name when he is a man is "Bronco Bill." —Joel R. Hess, Drexel Hill, Pa. (Excellent observation! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: You made a mistake in "Superman, King of Earth." On page 4, panel 3, Superman is shown crushing the Phantom Zone projector. But if the projector came from Krypton, how could he crush it? This would be like an ordinary man trying to crush an ordinary machine. Admit your mistake. —Clifford Young, Washington, D.C. (Sorry, but this was not a mistake. In ACTION No. 298, Superman, Supergirl and Luthor (who had temporary super-powers) used the combined power of their heat visions to destroy the forbidden super-weapons of Krypton—including the Phantom Zone projector. Then, to return three villains to the Zone, Supergirl used a mind-over-matter helmet to create a new projector. This was the one Superman crushed. It did not come from Krypton. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Did you know that Super-Horse is related to a Beatle? As a human being, Super-Horse uses the name "Bronco Bill Starr," the same last name as Ringo Starr, one of the Beatles. Coincidence or not? —Laura Wagner, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (Entirely coincidental. We used the name "Starr" for two reasons. First, because of its connection with Western lore—Belle Starr and Henry Starr were famous outlaws of the Old West. Second, because a comet is sometimes called a star. And speaking of Beatles, see the September issue of JIMMY OLSEN, in which Jimmy becomes a red-headed Beatle! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I will come straight to the point: Congratulations to every single one of your staff concerned with the Superman stories in ACTION No. 311 and 312. They were magnificent. The idea

of a brave Clark Kent leading the revolt against his supposedly evil counterpart was a touch of genius. —Alan Clark, Hamilton, Bermuda.

(We're glad you thought so highly of the story. But we're not resting on our laurels. We hope to give you even better tales. For instance, the October SUPERMAN features a three-part novel called "The New Superman," written by Edmond Hamilton, which we think will take its place among our best stories. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: "The Day Super-Horse Became Human" was terrific. This is the first time I had seen Comet as a human being. But why didn't Bill tell Linda he was really Comet? —Pat Lawrence, Roanoke, Va.

(Can you imagine Linda's reaction if Bill told her: "I'm not really a man. I'm your horse!" She'd think he was a freak—which is why he is afraid to tell her his secret. —Ed.)

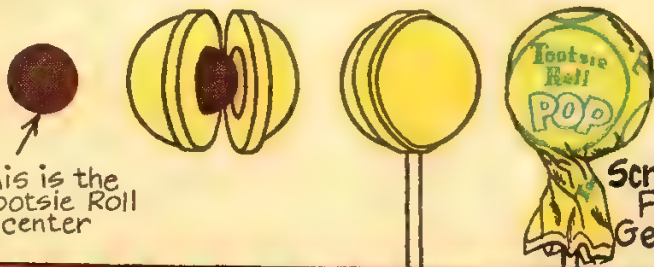
Dear Editor: I have always enjoyed your stories about the Phantom Zone. So one night I got them all out and did some checking. I found that the Phantom Zone prisoners could communicate with the outside world by telepathy and that they knew Superman's secret identity. If so, why don't they reveal his identity to the world and ruin his secret? I would love to see Superman get out of this one. —Michael Guastello, Bronx, N.Y.

(You've given Superman an interesting challenge. We'll see what he can do with it. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Our school library recently added a book to its shelves, "1,001 Valuable Things You Can Get Free." Its author is Mort Weisinger. Is this the same MW who is editor of this magazine? —Oswald Train, Santa Monica, Calif.

(Right—and thanks for the free plug. Incidentally, an article entitled "The Man Behind Superman" appears in the August issue of science fiction's most popular magazine, AMAZING STORIES. It reveals many "inside" facts about The Man of Steel and his mentor. —Ed.)

WHAT MAKES A TOOTSIE POP SO SPECIAL?



This is the
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Scrumptious
Flavors.
Get some!

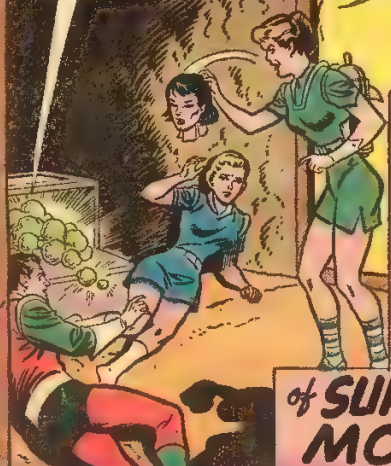
It's the only Pop with chewy chewy Tootsie Roll inside!

SUPERGIRL



BIRA! YOU LURED US INTO A KRYPTONITE TRAP! THOSE POISON RAYS WILL KILL US! GROAN!! WHY DID YOU DO IT? WHAT HAVE WE EVER DONE TO YOU?

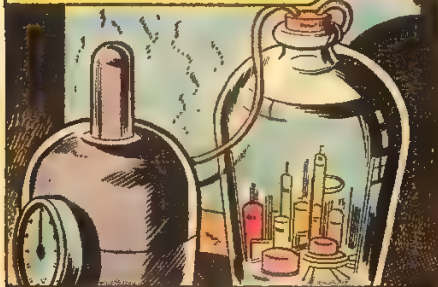
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME, ZOR-EL? I'M EDNA DANVERS. ONCE I WAS **SUPERGIRL'S** FOSTER-MOTHER. BUT YOU AND **ALLURA** STOLE HER LOVE FROM ME, AND THIS IS MY REVENGE!



NO EMOTION IS STRONGER THAN A MOTHER'S TENDER LOVE FOR HER CHILD! BUT TAKE A CHILD AWAY FROM ITS MOTHER, AND THAT LOVE TURNS INTO RAGING FURY! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN **SUPERGIRL** LEAVES HER FOSTER-PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. DANVERS, TO LIVE WITH HER REAL FATHER AND MOTHER, ZOR-EL AND ALLURA. THIS IS THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION WHICH TRIGGERS —

The MENACE of SUPERGIRL'S MOTHER!

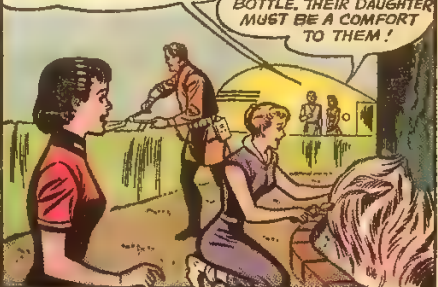
IN **SUPERMAN'S** ARCTIC FORTRESS STANDS **KANDOR**, A MIGHTY CITY SHRUNKEN TO TINY SIZE AND SEALED IN A BOTTLE BY THE VILLAINOUS **BRAINIAC**! IF THOSE GLASS WALLS COULD SPEAK... WHAT STRANGE STORIES THEY COULD TELL...



BUT STRANGEST OF ALL IS THE STORY OF THE DANVERS' FAMILY...

I'M GLAD THE DANVERS' ARE SETTling DOWN TO LIFE HERE IN **KANDOR**!

IT'S HARD FOR PEOPLE FROM THE OUTER WORLD TO ADJUST TO CONDITIONS IN THIS BOTTLE. THEIR DAUGHTER MUST BE A COMFORT TO THEM!





ACTION COMICS



BUT JUST THEN...

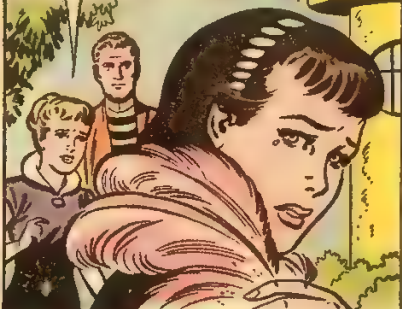
PLEASE, MOTHER! LET ME HELP YOU WITH THOSE PLUME FLOWERS! I'LL TAKE THEM INTO THE HOUSE!

THANK YOU, LINDA?



OH! I'M SORRY, DAR-LIN, DEAR. YOU'RE SO MUCH LIKE MY FIRST DAUGHTER, LINDA. I KEEP FORGETTING!

I... I KNOW!



SOON, INSIDE THE HOUSE...

DAR-LIN, SHE DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS. TRY TO UNDERSTAND—OUR FIRST ADOPTED DAUGHTER MEANT SO MUCH TO US!

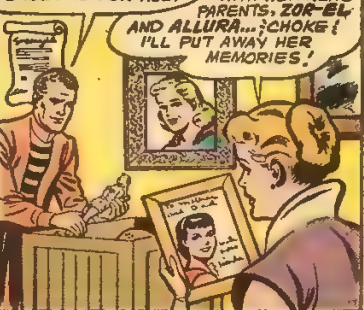
I KNOW. HER PICTURES ARE EVERYWHERE AS LINDA AND SUPER-GIRL. I DON'T THINK MOTHER WILL EVER LET ME TAKE HER PLACE, AS A DAUGHTER.



LATER...

DEAREST, WE CAN'T TORMENT DAR-LIN LIKE THIS. WE MUST FORGET SUPERGIRL ONCE AND FOR ALL!

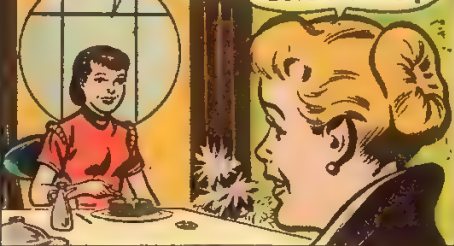
YOU'RE RIGHT, FRED. WE AGREED TO LET HER LIVE IN THE OUTER WORLD, ON EARTH, WITH HER REAL PARENTS, ZOR-EL AND ALLURA...! CHOKO! I'LL PUT AWAY HER MEMORIES!



AS WEEKS PASS, MRS. DANVERS IS DRAWN EVER CLOSER TO HER NEWLY ADOPTED DAUGHTER...

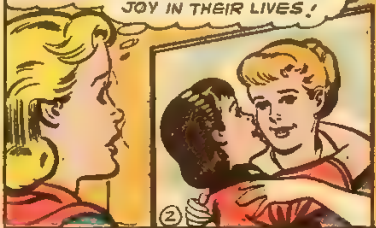
OH, MOTHER! THESE PANCAKES ARE JUST DELICIOUS!

GLAD YOU LIKE THEM, DAR-LIN, DEAR. AND TOMORROW, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW THEY MAKE A CHOCOLATE CAKE IN THE OUTER WORLD!



BUT UNKNOWN TO THE DANVERS, SUPERGIRL IS WATCHING THE SCENE...

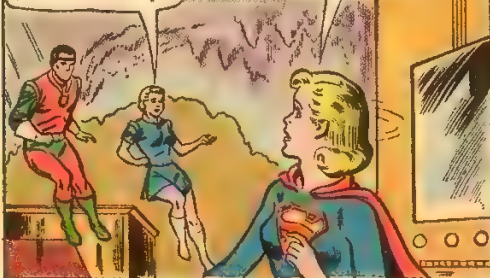
'GULP!' I WAS JUST CHECKING THE NEW MONITOR I BUILT BY TUNING IT ON KANDOR! MY FOSTER PARENTS SEEM HAPPY WITH THEIR NEWLY ADOPTED DAUGHTER, DAR-LIN. CHOKO! AFTER ALL THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH, THEY DESERVE A LITTLE JOY IN THEIR LIVES!



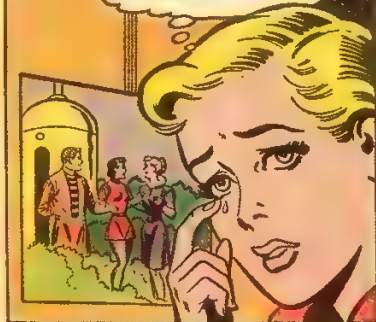
JUST THEN SUPERGIRL'S REAL PARENTS ARRIVE...

KARA, DEAR, WE SAW YOU WATCHING THE DANVERS' IN KANDOR. TELL ME, DO YOU REGRET LEAVING THEM? LET'S FACE IT, THEY RAISED YOU FOR YEARS!

NO, MOTHER, GULP!! I'VE NO REGRETS. AFTER ALL, YOU TWO ARE MY **REAL** PARENTS!



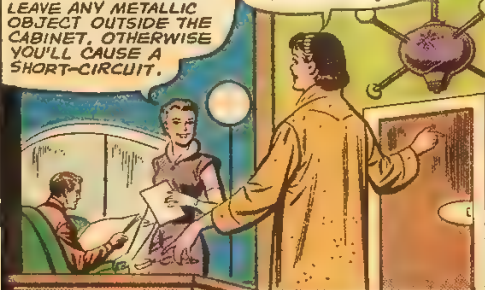
BUT I MISS THEM MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY... ;CHOKE!!; EVEN THOUGH THEY SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ME!



BUT FATE IS PREPARING A CRUEL TRICK. FOR, ONE EVENING IN KANDOR...

GOING TO TAKE AN ELECTRONIC SHOWER, DEAR? REMEMBER TO LEAVE ANY METALLIC OBJECT OUTSIDE THE CABINET, OTHERWISE YOU'LL CAUSE A SHORT-CIRCUIT.

THERE'S ONLY THIS LOCKET, MOTHER. I'LL LEAVE IT HERE ON THE TABLE!



MOMENTS LATER, SUDDENLY...

WHAT'S THAT? A WEIRD NOISE COMING FROM THE LOCKET?

IT SOUNDS LIKE AN ELECTRONIC SIGNAL!



HURRIEDLY, THEY SUMMON DAR-LIN...

DAR-LIN, LISTEN TO THAT STRANGE SOUND COMING FROM YOUR LOCKET! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

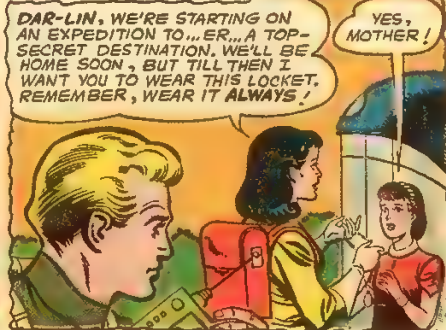
I... I DON'T KNOW. THAT LOCKET WAS GIVEN TO ME YEARS AGO BY MY REAL FATHER AND MOTHER!

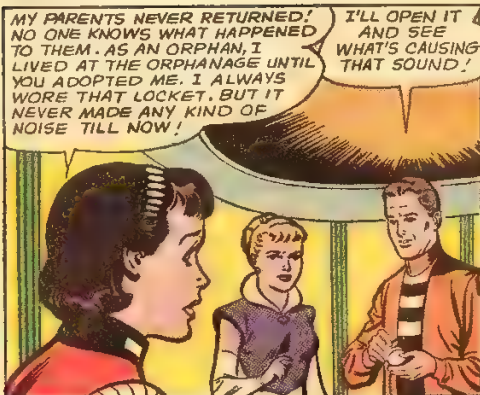


*MY PARENTS, ZANTOR AND RENA, WERE SCIENTISTS AND EXPLORERS. ONE DAY, THREE YEARS AGO...

DAR-LIN, WE'RE STARTING ON AN EXPEDITION TO... ER... A TOP-SECRET DESTINATION. WE'LL BE HOME SOON, BUT TILL THEN I WANT YOU TO WEAR THIS LOCKET. REMEMBER, WEAR IT ALWAYS!

YES, MOTHER!





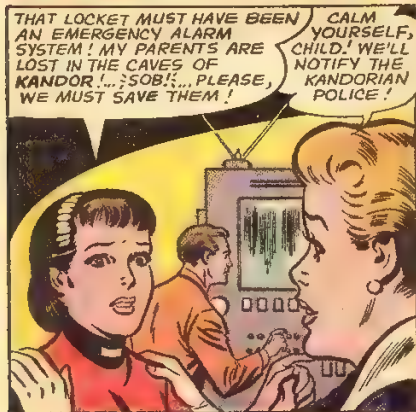
MY PARENTS NEVER RETURNED! NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. AS AN ORPHAN, I LIVED AT THE ORPHANAGE UNTIL YOU ADOPTED ME. I ALWAYS WORE THAT LOCKET, BUT IT NEVER MADE ANY KIND OF NOISE TILL NOW!

I'LL OPEN IT AND SEE WHAT'S CAUSING THAT SOUND!



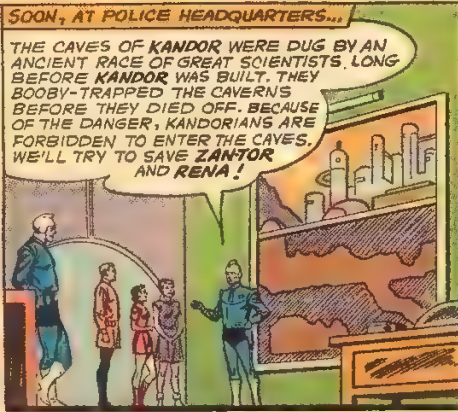
IN THE NEXT INSTANT... ATTENTION, DAR-LIN! THIS IS YOUR FATHER, ZANTOR, COMMUNICATING WITH YOU THROUGH A MINIATURE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM WE DEVISED! YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE ALIVE---TRAPPED IN THE CAVES OF KANDOR!---SEND HELP!

MOTHER AND DAD... STILL ALIVE! OH, HOW WONDERFUL!



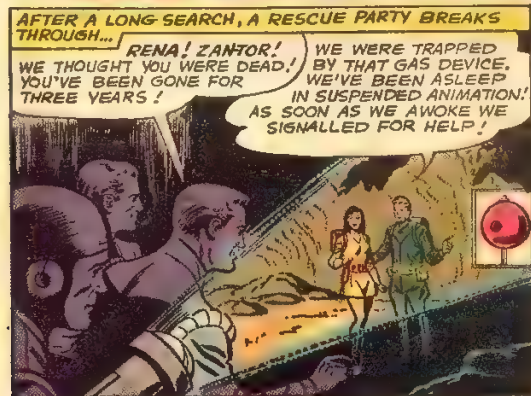
THAT LOCKET MUST HAVE BEEN AN EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM! MY PARENTS ARE LOST IN THE CAVES OF KANDOR!...SOB!...PLEASE, WE MUST SAVE THEM!

CALM YOURSELF, CHILD! WE'LL NOTIFY THE KANDORIAN POLICE!



SOON, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

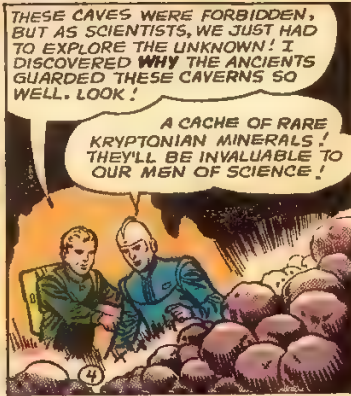
THE CAVES OF KANDOR WERE DUG BY AN ANCIENT RACE OF GREAT SCIENTISTS. LONG BEFORE KANDOR WAS BUILT, THEY BOOBY-TRAPPED THE CAVERNS BEFORE THEY DIED OFF. BECAUSE OF THE DANGER, KANDORIANS ARE FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE CAVES. WE'LL TRY TO SAVE ZANTOR AND RENA!



AFTER A LONG SEARCH, A RESCUE PARTY BREAKS THROUGH...

RENA! ZANTOR! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD! YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR THREE YEARS!

WE WERE TRAPPED BY THAT GAS DEVICE. WE'VE BEEN ASLEEP IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION! AS SOON AS WE AWOKE WE SIGNALLED FOR HELP!



THESE CAVES WERE FORBIDDEN, BUT AS SCIENTISTS, WE JUST HAD TO EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN! I DISCOVERED WHY THE ANCIENTS GUARDED THESE CAVERNS SO WELL. LOOK!

A CACHE OF RARE KRYPTONIAN MINERALS! THEY'LL BE INVALUABLE TO OUR MEN OF SCIENCE!



ACTION COMICS



AS THE EXPLORERS EMERGE...

MOTHER! FATHER! SOB!!
THIS IS THE HAPPIEST
DAY OF MY LIFE!

WHAT A THRILLING-
MOMENT FOR DAR-LIN!
SHE'S WEeping FOR
JOY!



DAR-LIN HAS TOLD
US ABOUT YOU, WE'LL
NEVER FORGET YOUR
KINDNESS TO OUR
CHILD!

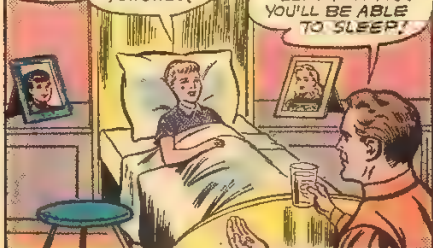
WE LOVED HER
AS OUR OWN!
CHOKE! BUT HER
HAPPINESS IS
OURS, WE'RE GLAD
TO SEE HER REUNITED
WITH HER REAL PARENTS!



BUT THE PAIN OF PARTING IS TOO MUCH TO
BEAR FOR MRS. DANVERS...

FIRST WE LOST OUR
DAUGHTER, SUPERGIRL!
NOW WE LOSE DAR-LIN!
SOB!! THERE'S A CHILD
FOR EVERYONE BUT US!
CHOKE!!

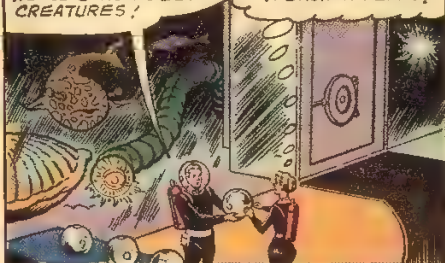
HERE, DEAR!
TAKE THESE
SEDATIVE
PILLS THE
HEALER
LEFT FOR YOU!
YOU'LL BE ABLE
TO SLEEP!



AS THE DAYS PASS, THE DANVERS' TRY TO
FORGET THEIR ANGUISH...

COME, DEAR! YOU'LL
ENJOY KANDOR'S FAMOUS
UNDERWATER ZOO! IT
CONTAINS SOME OF THEIR
WORLD'S WEIRDEST
CREATURES!

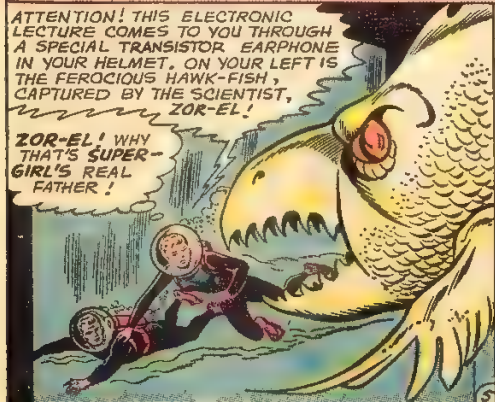
DEAR FRED! HE'S
TRYING SO HARD
TO CHEER ME UP.
BUT IT'S HOPELESS.
HOW CAN YOU HEAL
A BROKEN HEART?



BUT BITTER MEMORIES PURSUE THEM EVERYWHERE...

ATTENTION! THIS ELECTRONIC
LECTURE COMES TO YOU THROUGH
A SPECIAL TRANSISTOR EARPHONE
IN YOUR HELMET. ON YOUR LEFT IS
THE FEROCIOUS HAWK-FISH,
CAPTURED BY THE SCIENTIST,
ZOR-EL!

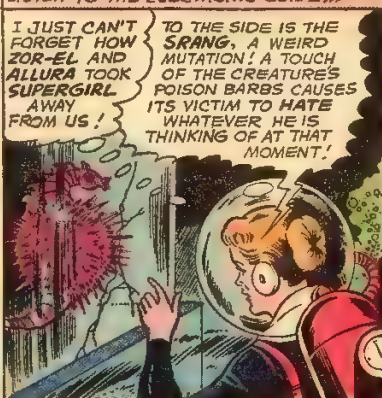
ZOR-EL! WHY
THAT'S SUPER-
GIRL'S REAL
FATHER!

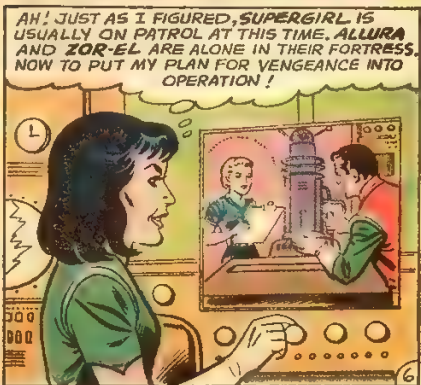
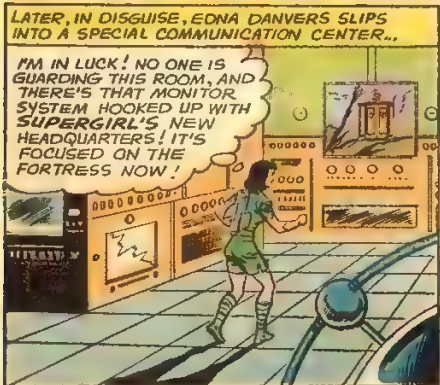
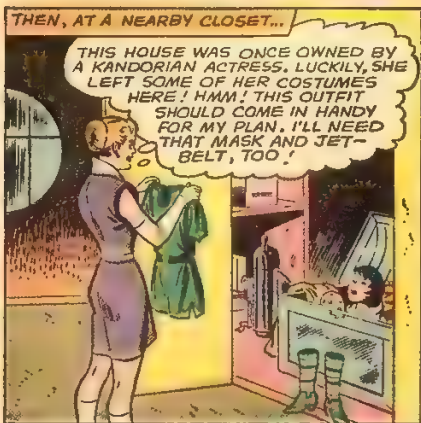
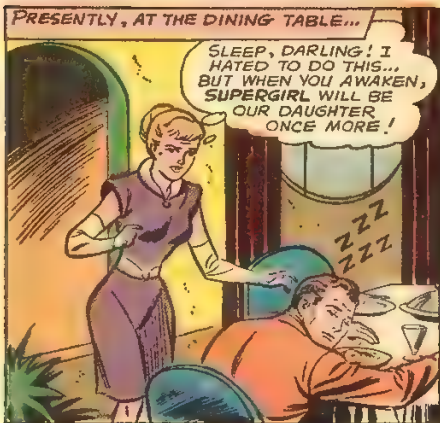
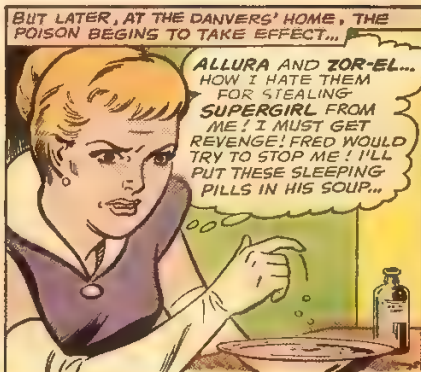
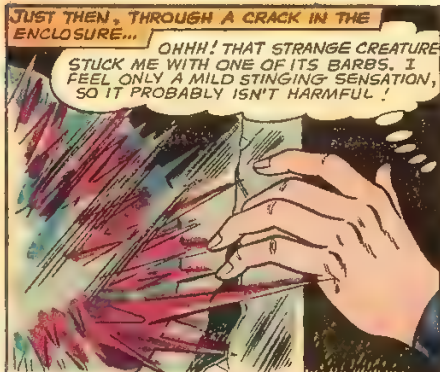


DISTRACTED, MRS. DANVERS FAILS TO
LISTEN TO THE ELECTRONIC GUIDE...

I JUST CAN'T
FORGET HOW
ZOR-EL AND
ALLURA TOOK
SUPERGIRL
AWAY
FROM US!

TO THE SIDE IS THE
SRANG, A WEIRD
MUTATION! A TOUCH
OF THE CREATURE'S
POISON BARBS CAUSES
ITS VICTIM TO HATE
WHATEVER HE IS
THINKING OF AT THAT
MOMENT!





SUDDENLY... ATTENTION, ALLURA...
ZOR-EL! I AM **BIRA**, A KANDORIAN SCIENTIST! ALIENS FROM SPACE JUST ARRIVED ON EARTH WITH A DEVICE WHICH CURES KRYPTONITE POISONING!

WONDERFUL! I GUESS THEY JUST COULDN'T CONTACT US BECAUSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE OUR NEW FORTRESS. WHERE ARE THEY?

THE ALIENS HAD TO LEAVE AT ONCE. EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE WAS HARMFUL TO THEM. THEY HID THE ANTI-KRYPTONITE DEVICE IN THE DISTANT HIMALAYAS. GET ME OUT OF THE BOTTLE AND I'LL LEAD YOU TO IT!

THAT WON'T BE EASY, BUT THIS NEW TELEPORT TUBE MAY HELP!

BY OUR CALCULATIONS, IF WE AIM THE TUBE AT YOUR IMAGE, IT WILL TRANSPORT YOU INTO THE OUTER WORLD, ENLARGED TO FULL SIZE. HOWEVER, THE TUBE IS NOT PERFECT. YOU MUST RETURN TO KANDOR WITHIN AN HOUR OR YOUR ATOMIC STRUCTURE WILL DISSOLVE!

AN HOUR IS TIME ENOUGH FOR WHAT MUST BE DONE!

INSTANTS LATER...

WELCOME TO THE OUTER WORLD, **BIRA**. WHEN DO WE START SEARCHING FOR THAT ANTI-KRYPTONITE DEVICE?

AT ONCE, **ZOR-EL**. I KNOW YOU'RE BOTH ANXIOUS TO SEE IT!

THEY SWALLOWED MY BAIT! MY PLAN IS WORKING PERFECTLY!

SWIFTLY, THEY STREAK EASTWARD INTO THE REMOTE HIMALAYAS, WHERE...

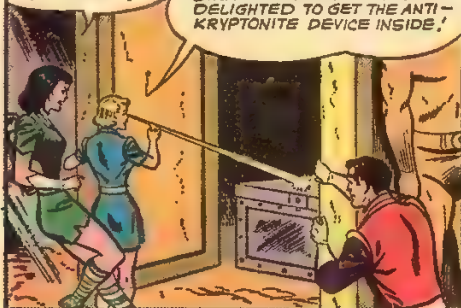
BIRA, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK—WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT JET-BELT? AS A KANDORIAN, YOU SHOULD HAVE SUPER-POWERS IN THE OUTER WORLD!

ER... THIS IS A NEW, IMPROVED MODEL BELT I'M TESTING! BUT NEVER MIND THAT. THERE'S OUR DESTINATION JUST AHEAD! THE ALIENS CARVED THOSE STATUES WITH THEIR HEAT RAYS BEFORE THEY LEFT EARTH, IN GRATITUDE FOR **SUPERGIRL** AND **SUPERMAN** HAVING SAVED THEIR WORLD FROM AN EXPLODING SUN!

THE CARVINGS PROVE TO BE A MASSIVE DOOR, AND...

THERE! JUST OPEN THAT BOX FOR THE SURPRISE OF YOUR LIFE!

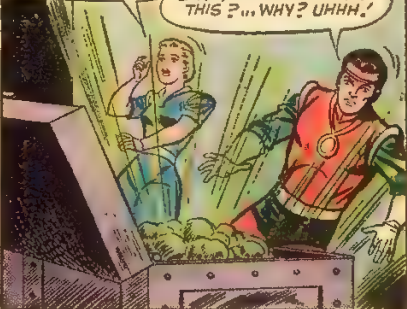
THAT BOX MUST BE MADE OF LEAD. MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE IT, THANKS. BIRA, SUPERGIRL WILL BE DELIGHTED TO GET THE ANTI-KRYPTONITE DEVICE INSIDE!



BUT WHEN THE LID IS RAISED...

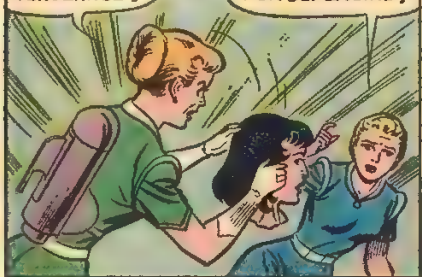
!GASP! PAIN! IT'S AWFUL... I CAN'T STAND THE AGONY.

!GROAN! A TRAP! THAT BOX IS FULL OF GREEN KRYPTONITE! BIRA, WHY DID YOU DO THIS?... WHY? UHHH!



DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME? I'M EDNA CANVERS... SUPERGIRL'S FOSTER-MOTHER! YOU STOLE HER FROM ME... AND THIS IS MY VENGEANCE!

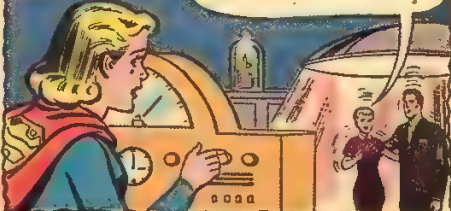
NO, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT! YOU WERE SO SWEET... SO KIND... YOU MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR SUPERGIRL!



"YES, MY SACRIFICE... HOW WELL I REMEMBER THAT DAY!"

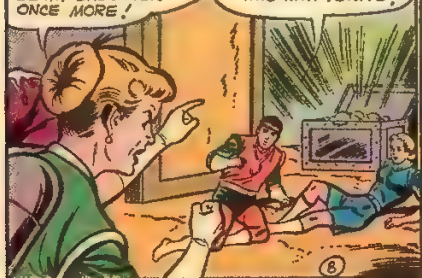
GOOD-BYE, MOTHER, DAD! THE EXCHANGE RAY WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO KANDOR, WHERE YOU'LL LIVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!

WE'RE DOING IT FOR YOU, SUPERGIRL! DEAR, YOUR REAL PARENTS ARE HEART-BROKEN BECAUSE THEY MISS YOU, NOW THEY CAN EMERGE AND JOIN YOU IN THE OUTER WORLD!



I WAS A FOOL TO LET YOU TAKE HER FROM ME! BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW, WHEN THIS KRYPTONITE FINISHES YOU, SUPERGIRL WILL BE MY DAUGHTER ONCE MORE!

!GROAN! AND YOU DEVISED THIS CRUEL SCHEME JUST TO DESTROY US?... HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS KRYPTONITE?



"SUPERGIRL ONCE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS MONUMENT, WHICH WAS CREATED BY ALIENS SHE AND SUPERMAN HAD HELPED."

THIS MONUMENT WE BUILT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THE SUPER-BEINGS WHO SAVED OUR PLANET!

IN GRATITUDE, WE'LL TAKE THESE KRYPTONITE METEORS WE PICKED UP ON OUR JOURNEY AND STORE THEM HERE UNTIL THEY CAN GET RID OF THEM!

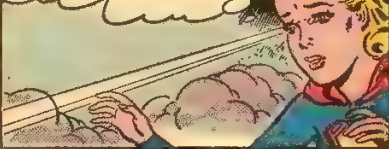


REMEMBERING THIS STORE OF KRYPTONITE, I PLANNED THIS SCHEME TO TRAP YOU AND GET RID OF MY RIVALS FOR SUPERGIRL'S LOVE!

THE PAIN... IT'S UNBEARABLE! WHEN WILL THIS TORMENT END?



BUT AT THAT MOMENT... JUST AS I RETURNED TO EARTH, KANDOR SENT ME AN EMERGENCY ALERT! MY FOSTER-MOTHER HAS GONE BERSERK AND IS TRYING TO KILL MY REAL PARENTS! WAIT! I'VE SPOTTED THEM WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION. BECAUSE OF THE KRYPTONITE, I CAN'T APPROACH TOO CLOSE-- BUT...

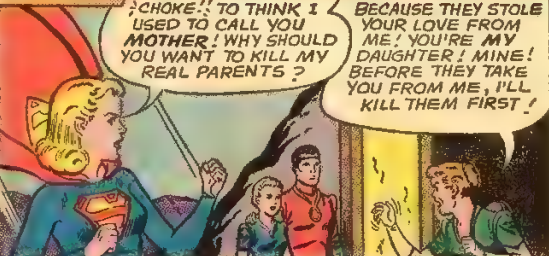


INSTANTS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL CONCENTRATES HER FANTASTIC HEAT VISION...

GULP!! THE ROCK IS MELTING!! GASP!! THE BOX OF KRYPTONITE IS PLUNGING DOWN INTO THE VALLEY BELOW! OH, NO! GROAN!! THE END MUST BE NEAR, ZOR-EL, DEAR! THE PAIN SEEMS TO BE GOING AWAY...



THE KRYPTONITE MENACE GONE, SUPERGIRL STREAKS TO THE SCENE...

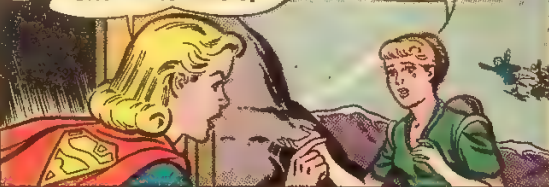


CHOKE!! TO THINK I USED TO CALL YOU MOTHER! WHY SHOULD YOU WANT TO KILL MY REAL PARENTS?

BECAUSE THEY STOLE YOUR LOVE FROM ME! YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER! MINE! BEFORE THEY TAKE YOU FROM ME, I'LL KILL THEM FIRST!

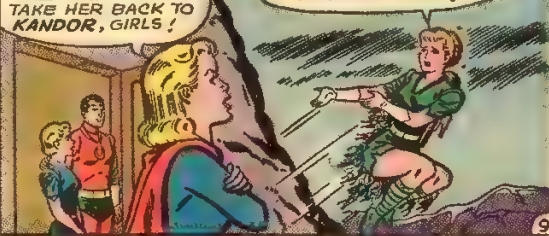
I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE COULD BE SO EVIL. I THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME! NOW I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! THE SUPERGIRL EMERGENCY SQUAD IS COMING TO TAKE YOU BACK TO KANDOR!

SUPERGIRL! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALL THAT WE MEANT TO EACH OTHER?



ALL THAT IS PAST NOW! YOU'VE DESTROYED EVERYTHING BETWEEN US! TAKE HER BACK TO KANDOR, GIRLS!

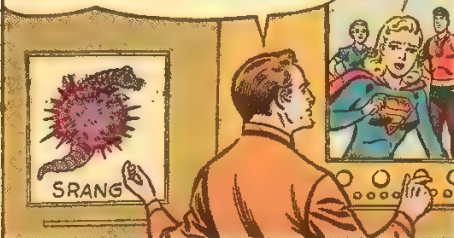
I WON'T LET YOU REJECT ME LIKE THIS! SOB! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY DARLING LINDA!



BUT LATER, AFTER RETURNING TO HER FORTRESS, SUPERGIRL GETS WORD FROM KANDOR...

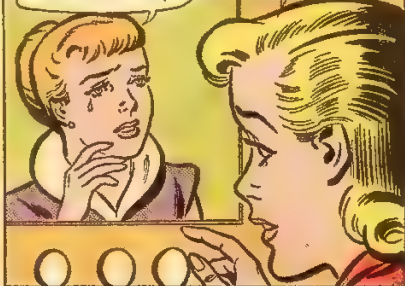
SUPERGIRL! WE JUST DISCOVERED WHY YOUR FOSTER-MOTHER ACTED SO EVIL! SHE WAS STUNG BY THE **SRANG!** ITS POISON CAUSED HER TO HATE YOUR REAL PARENTS! SHE'S RECOVERING FROM ITS EFFECTS NOW.

⚡GULP! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!

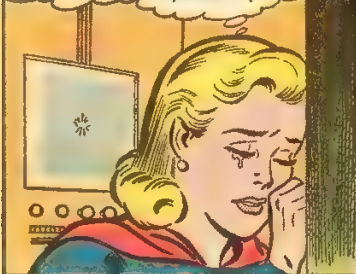


YES, DARLING, I'M OVER IT NOW. THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME FROM DOING SUCH A WICKED DEED. YOU SEE, I MISS YOU SO, AND...
⚡SOB... SOB!

OH, MOTHER, I KNEW YOU COULD NEVER BE SO HATEFUL!
⚡CHOKES!

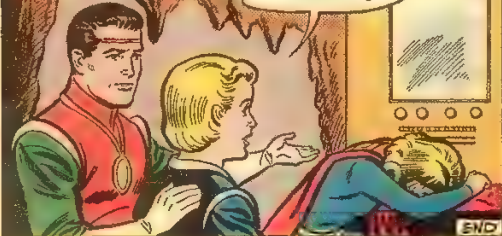


TWO SETS OF PARENTS AND BOTH LOVE ME SO! I MUST BE THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! AND YET, WHY DO I FEEL SO MISERABLE? ⚡SOB! NO MATTER WHICH SET OF PARENTS I'M WITH, I FEEL A TRAITOR TO THE OTHERS!
⚡CHOKES!



ALLURA? HAVE WE DONE THE RIGHT THING BY TAKING OUR DAUGHTER AWAY FROM HER FOSTER-PARENTS?

I WAS SO SURE, **ZOR-EL**— BUT NOT ANY MORE! WE MUST FIND SOME WAY TO HELP OUR DAUGHTER SOLVE THIS HEARTBREAKING PROBLEM!



AND SO ONCE MORE SUPERGIRL IS TORN BETWEEN TWO GREAT LOVES! HOW CAN SHE SOLVE THIS TORTURING DILEMMA? SEE THE NEXT ISSUE FOR THE ANSWER!

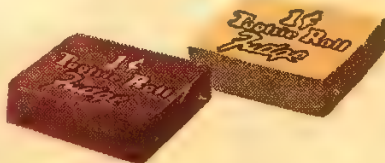
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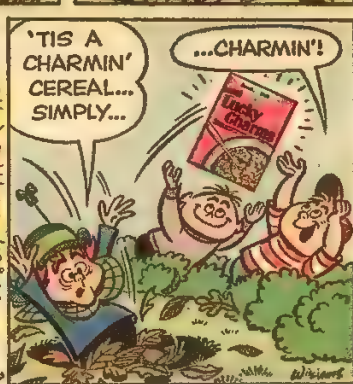
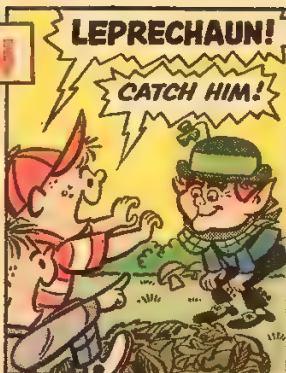
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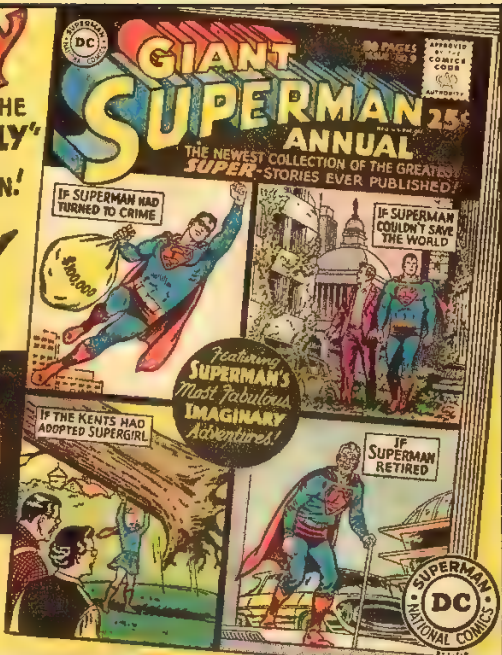
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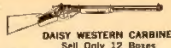
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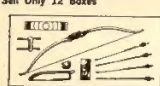


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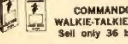
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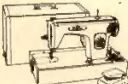
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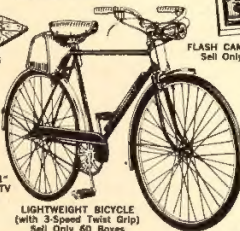
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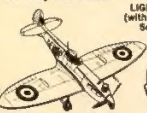
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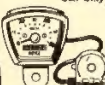


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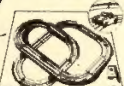


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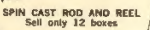
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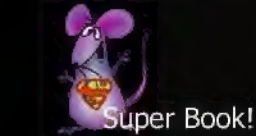
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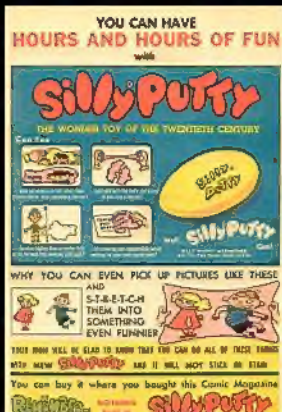
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